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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHORIZING ACCESS

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on March 11, 2011.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 175-204.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Charlie C Agwumezie/
 Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3685
 May 11, 2011

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arrienne M. Lezak on May 6, 2011.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 1-74 are cancelled. Claims 75-204 are allowed subject to the examiner's amendment.

3. The Application has been amended as follows:

1-174. (Cancelled).

175. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

receiving, using one or more processing units, a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms;

running, using the one or more processing units, an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy

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of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library;

extracting, using the one or more processing units, the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library;

determining, using the one or more processing units, the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and

determining, using the one or more processing units, whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

176. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 175, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application.

177. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 175, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

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178. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 175, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application.

179. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 175, wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library includes determining whether the copy of the text string was validly issued by a resource library vendor.

180. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 179, wherein the copy of the text string includes one or more licensing terms, and wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library further includes determining whether the one or more licensing terms have been met.

181. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 180, wherein when the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and the function on the resource library returns control to the calling entity.

182. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 180, wherein when the calling entity is not licensed to use the resource library, the function on the resource library generates an error message.

183. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 175, wherein the unique key is an identifier that is mathematically derived from the text string, and wherein the unique key is used to detect changes to the text string.

184. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
one or more processors;

one or more computer-readable storage mediums containing instructions ~~configured to cause the~~ that when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform operations, including:

receiving a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms;

running an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library;

extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library;

determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and

determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

185. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 184, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application.

186. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 184, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed

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for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

187. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 184, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application.

188. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 184, wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library includes determining whether the copy of the text string was validly issued by a resource library vendor.

189. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 188, wherein the copy of the text string includes one or more licensing terms, and wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library further includes determining whether the one or more licensing terms have been met.

190. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 189, wherein when the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and the function on the resource library returns control to the calling entity.

191. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 189, wherein when the calling entity is not licensed to use the resource library, the function on the resource library generates an error message.

192. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 184, wherein the unique key is an identifier that is mathematically derived from the text string, and wherein the unique key is used to detect changes to the text string.

193. (Currently Amended) A computer-program product, ~~tangibly embodied in a machine-readable storage medium~~, including executable instructions that when executed, cause ~~configured to cause~~ a data processing apparatus to:

- receive a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms;

- run an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library;

- extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library;

- determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and

- determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

194. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application.

195. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the license parameter is a site license, and wherein when the unique key and the text

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string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

196. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application.

197. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library includes determining whether the copy of the text string was validly issued by a resource library vendor.

198. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 197, wherein the copy of the text string includes one or more licensing terms, and wherein determining whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library further includes determining whether the one or more licensing terms have been met.

199. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 198, wherein when the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and the function on the resource library returns control to the calling entity.

200. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 198, wherein when the calling entity is not licensed to use the resource library, the function on the resource library generates an error message.

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201. (Previously Presented) The computer-program product of claim 193, wherein the unique key is an identifier that is mathematically derived from the text string, and wherein the unique key is used to detect changes to the text string.

202. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

receiving, using one or more processing units, a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application;

running, using the one or more processing units, an application at the calling entity, wherein the application is associated with the resource library, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; and

using, using the one or more processing units, the function on the resource library to extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein:

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

203. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

- one or more processors;

- one or more computer-readable storage mediums containing instructions ~~configured to cause the~~ that when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform operations, including:

- receiving a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application;

- running an application at the calling entity, wherein the application is associated with the resource library, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; and

- using the function on the resource library to extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein:

- when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and

- when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

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204. (Currently Amended) A computer-program product, ~~tangibly embodied in a machine-readable storage medium~~, including executable instructions that when executed, cause ~~configured to cause~~ a data processing apparatus to:

receive a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms, wherein the resource library includes executable code that is associated with one or more applications, and wherein the executable code provides additional functionality to an associated application;

run an application at the calling entity, wherein the application is associated with the resource library, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; and

use the function on the resource library to extract the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determine the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determine whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein:

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the calling entity is permitted to use the resource library while running the application, and

when the unique key and the text string extracted from the resource library are authentic and the resource library is not licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, the function on the resource library extracts the copy of the unique key and the copy of the text string from the application and determines whether the calling entity is licensed to use the resource library.

4. Claims 75-204 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is Fischer U.S. Patent No. 5,412,717.

Applicant's invention is directed to a system and method for receiving, using one or more processing units, a resource library at a calling entity, wherein the calling entity is located at a particular site, and wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms; running, using the one or more processing units, an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; extracting, using the one or more processing units, the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library; determining, using the one or more processing units, the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library; and determining, using the one or more processing units, whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site, wherein determining includes using the function on the resource library, and wherein extracting the unique key and the text string from the resource library, determining the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string, and determining whether the resource library is licensed for unrestricted use with any application at the particular site are based upon a license parameter.

Fischer is directed to a method and apparatus including a system monitor which limits the ability of a program about to be executed to the use of predefined resources (e.g., data files, disk writing capabilities, etc.). The system monitor processes a data structure including a set of authorities defining that which a program is permitted to do and/or that which the program is precluded from doing. The set of authorities and/or restrictions assigned to a program to be executed are referred to as "program authorization information" (or "PAI"). Once defined, the program authorization information is thereafter associated with at least one program to be executed to thereby delineate the resources and functions that the program is allowed to utilize and/or is not allowed to utilize. Accordingly, Fischer separately or in combination with any other reference of record fails to disclose or suggest all the elements of the claimed invention. Fischer fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the novel feature related to the wherein the resource library is a software resource library that includes a function, an embedded unique key, and an embedded text string specifying one or more use terms; running, using the one or more processing units, an application at the calling entity, wherein the application includes an embedded copy of the unique key and a copy of the text string, and wherein running the application includes using the resource library; extracting, using the one or more processing units, the unique key and the text string from the resource library, wherein extracting includes using the function on the resource library; determining, using the one or more processing units, the authenticity of the extracted unique key and the text string. Thus the claims of the present invention are patentable over the prior art of record.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants disclosure.

- Peek (U.S. Patent No. 5,481,706) discloses system and method for creating thread-safe shared libraries.
- Wyman (U.S. Patent No. 5,204,897) discloses management interface for license management system.
- Ross (U.S. Patent No. 5,553,143) discloses method and Apparatus for electronic licensing.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is **(571) 272-6838**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Calvin Hewitt** can be reached on **(571) 272 – 6709**.

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